PUBLIC INPUT

Through the Wisconsin biennial budget process, the Legislature's Joint Finance Committee meetings and other public forums, there is ongoing public dialogue regarding the Wisconsin TANF program. DWD will publicize the availability of the draft Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2006-FFY 2007 TANF Plan as a means of soliciting comments from the public.

Simultaneous to submitting the draft TANF Plan to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, DWD will place an announcement on its public website homepage regarding the availability of the draft Plan for public comment. The web link will include the draft Plan and instructions for submitting comments and the timeframe for submitting them. In December 2005, the Department will mail out information regarding the availability of the draft Plan on the Department's website and the process for submitting comments on the draft Plan. Information about how to obtain a hard-copy of the draft Plan will also be provided. The information will be sent to numerous groups and individuals, including W-2 agencies, Division of Workforce Solutions (DWS) Area Administrators and Regional Administrators, child care coordinators, child support agencies, directors of county departments of human services and social services, tribal economic support directors and the Great Lakes Intertribal Council.

Written comments on the draft Plan will be accepted by DWD for consideration over a time period of forty-five days. DWD will review all comments for potential changes to the draft Plan.

At the conclusion of the public comment period, DWD will submit a revised Plan to include the following information: the number of comments received on the draft Plan; the types of comments received; and any changes DWD made to the draft Plan as a result of the comments.